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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JUNE 21

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EX-
CERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
JUNE 21, 1977:

Q. NOW THAT THERE IS A GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL HAS AN OFFICIAL
INVITATION TO MR. BEGIN BEEN EXTENDED TO COME AND VISIT
WASHINGTON?

A. I UNDERSTAND THE WHITE HOUSE BRIEFER TODAY READ OUT THE
FACT OF IT IN AN OFFICIAL VISIT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE THE
19TH AND 20TH.
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Q. THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED IT, YOU SAY?

A. YES, THEY DID.

Q. DOES THAT INDICATE, HODDING, THAT THE SECRETARY CANNOT
GO TO THE AREA UNTIL AUGUST?

A. I WOULD HESITATE TO SAY WHEN HE DEFINITELY WILL GO.

ABOUT THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS THAT, OBVIOUSLY, IT
WOULD HAVE TO BE AFTER MR. BEGIN'S VISIT, BUT THAT TIME
HAS NOT BEEN SET, DICK.

Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT THINKING? YOU WILL NEED AT LEAST
TEN DAYS AFTERWARDS, WON'T YOU?

A. I WOULD HESITATE TO SPECULATE VERY MUCH ON IT BECAUSE
IT SIMPLY HASN'T BEEN TIED DOWN.

Q. HODDING JUST FOR OUR OWN PLANNING --

A. YOUR OWN PLANNING PURPOSES --

Q. --IS IT GOING TO BE TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER BEGIN'S VISIT?

A. I WOULD SAY ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER BEGIN.

Q. BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON THIS?

A. ALL RIGHT. GO BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. WHEN HE DOES GO, WHENEVER THE DATE, DOES HE PLAN TO DO IT THE WAY THE LAST MIDDLE EAST TRIP WENT? DOES HE SEE UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS TO BE A WEEK OR DOES HE SEE THIS TO BE A MORE EXTENDED VISIT?

A. BERNIE, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT. I FRANKLY WOULD JUST BE SORT OF SHADOW-BOXING WITH YOU BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION. I DON'T HAVE REALLY A FULL-ENOUGH READOUT ON IT. MUCH OF THE PLANNING AWAITS THE FINAL ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS WHICH THE BEGIN VISIT REPRESENTS, AND I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT. WE DISCUSSED IT, BUT I JUST CERTAIN.

Q. --ARE YOU ABLE TO TELL US WHAT INPUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD AND WHAT INPUT SECRETARY VANCE HAD IN THE MONDALE MIDDLE EAST SPEECH?

A. NO, I'M NOT PREPARED TO SAY.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US?

A. WELL, SURE, I'LL BE GLAD TO SEE. YOU MEAN, DID WE WRITE

THE SPEECH; DID WE SEE THE SPEECH?

Q. YES. WHAT INPUT YOU HAD IN SHAPING THE SPEECH IN THE EXPOSITION OF POINTS THAT WERE MADE AND SO FORTH.

A. I'LL BE GLAD TO LOOK INTO IT. I WOULD JUST SIMPLY NOTE THAT THE SPEECH WAS A REITERATION, AS I SAID YESTERDAY, OF AMERICAN POLICY IN THE AREA. SINCE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT DEVIATED IN ANY MEANINGFUL WAY FROM THE POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN SET OUT, I DON'T KNOW THAT WHAT OUR PARTICIPATION WAS IN IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY RELEVANT. BUT, AT ANY RATE, I'LL BE GLAD TO LOOK. VANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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